SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS.

Blood root.

PLATE VII.

AMONG the earliest visiters of spring the botanist will find in almost any part of the United States the *Sanguinaria Canadensis.* Its fine white flowers proceeding from the bosom of a young, convoluted leaf, become visible in the woods, in Carolina, in the month of March, and in New England, toward the end of April. Its most common name is *Blood root.* It has also the appellation of *Puccoon, Turmeric, Red root,* &c. It is the only species we at present possess of the genus Sanguinaria, distinguished by a *two leaved calyx eight petals, and an oblong capsule, with one cell and many seeds.*—Class *Polyandria,* order *Monogynia.* Natural order *Rhœadeæ, L. Papaveraceæ,* Juss.